

Weekly Update

PLEASE TURN IN ANY BILLS TO BE PAID IN 2025 BY
DECEMBER 21ST.



Info as of 11/30

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN



PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
Amounts Received	<u>\$251,099</u>
Remaining	\$ 27,819

*Thank you everyone for your commitment to this project.
Pledge cards are still being accepted. Please send any pledge
updates to dumcfinancial@gmail.com*

Last Sunday's in person attendance	36 + 10 homes online
4 Week average giving as of 11/30	\$4,828
Weekly Need in 2025	\$4,616

*Year to date giving is ahead by \$1,969 as of 11/30.
Thank you to everyone's generosity! Please prayerfully
consider how you can help with giving throughout 2025.*

WAYS TO GIVE: www.downsumc.org

**--Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door
or mail to: Downs UMC
205 S Highway Ave
Downs, IL 61736**

Reminder: Giving on line doesn't go on vacation

**You may not see everyone putting tithes and offerings in
the offering plate due to several people giving on line.**



DOWNS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 7, 2025



A Thrill of Hope: Shine on Series

**SUNDAY MORNING IN PERSON AT 9:30AM
ONLINE SERVICE BY WEDNESDAY**

**309-378-2651
www.downsumc.org**

**Reverend Allen Miller
pastor@downsumc.org**

Welcome

to



***We are so glad
you are worshiping with us!
We would love to know who has joined
us, so please sign in on the attendance
pads that will be passed in each row.***

Nursery: is located to the right as you exit the sanctuary through the double doors. It is at the far end of the fellowship hall.

Restrooms: Can be reached by exiting the sanctuary through the back left door as you face the stage. They are right by the Nursery.



Busy Bags are available at the entrance to the Worship Center for the children to use during the worship service. There are stickers, crayons, lacing items, etc. Please return the bags to the tote by the Worship Center Entrance after the service.



Children's Church is designed for K-3rd Graders. We will meet in Classroom #1 or the Youth Room. They will meet a volunteer at the front of the Worship Center and head out after the Doxology (so they'll meet during the Scripture Reading, Sermon and Up Next). Children

will return to the worship service for the closing song.

Communion Sundays they will not meet.

Today & This Week



Sun 12/7	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Swap Room Fellowship Sr High Next Gen Football Ministry Great Banquet in Worship Center
Mon 12/8	6:00pm 6:00pm	Boy Scouts in YR Sewing Group in Fellowship Hall
Tues 12/9	10:00am 6-9pm	Bible Study in YR/Zoom Great Banquet in YR/CR 2
Wed 12/10	4:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	Journey Group in Library Next Gen Ministries K-8th Choir in Chapel
Thur 12/11	5:30pm 6:00pm	UWF in Kitchen Worship Team on Stage
Fri 12/12	1-4:30pm 4:30pm	Decorating Cookies Set up for Cookie Walk
Sat 12/13	7:30am 9:00am 9-10:30am	UWF prepare for Cookie Walk Cookie Walk Children's Program Speaking Parts
Sun 12/14	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 3:00pm 3:30pm 4:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship Swap Room Fellowship Baked Potato Bar/Silent Dessert Auction Girl Scouts in YR 4-H in FH and CR1 Bible Study



Tuesday morning Bible Study meets in the Youth Room and are on Zoom 10am.

Sunday night Bible Study will meet at 4pm in the Chapel.

Adult Sunday School meets at 8:30am in the Youth Room each Sunday.

The class is using the videos "That the World May Know". Filming is done in Israel and the study brings the Bible to life.



NEXT GEN YOUTH WORSHIP

It meets Sunday mornings and is designed for 4th grade students and up. The service is tailored to engage our youth audience and meets in the Youth Room 9:30am to 10:30am.

The Swap Room located in the building West of the church building is open on Sundays 10:45am until noon. Proceeds all go to the Downs UMC General Fund. Please come browse as the items will change each week. You can also drop items off at this time. **Have questions, use the following email address:** swaproom@downsumc.org



UPCOMING

Friday, December 12	1:00pm	Cookie Decorating
Saturday, Dec 13	9am—sold out:	Cookie Walk
Sunday, December 14	9:30am	Choir Cantata
	10:30am	Baked Potato Bar & Dessert Silent Auction
Sunday, December 21	9:30am	Children's Musical
Wednesday, Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 28	9:30am	Worship Service

December 7, 2025

"Let Your Light Shine"

Welcome

The Advent of Our God #120

**Lighting of the Advent Candle
*"Peace"***

John 1:6-18

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne #127

Isaiah 35:1-10

**Message by Rev Allen Miller
*A Thrill of Hope: Shine On Series
All That Really Matters***

The Lord's Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

**Offertory: *"Come Thou Long Expected"*
Doxology**

**Communion Liturgy
Thanksgiving and Communion**

Up Next

Shine, Jesus Shine

Benediction



We have an active prayer chain at Downs UMC and we believe in the power of prayer. If you would like your name added to the prayer list or the prayer chain please follow the instructions below. God hears us when we pray, and blesses us with His answers to prayer.

To be a member of the prayer chain and be notified of a prayer

request, please let the office know that you would like to be included in that group email.

To be added to the prayer list (for ongoing requests) please send information to prayerrequest@downsumc.org or call the office at 378-2651. Please be sure to mention if permission has been granted to publish each individual's name.

To be added to the prayer chain (for urgent or time-sensitive requests) please send an email to office@downsumc.org.

CURRENT REQUESTS

HEALTH & HEALING: Ron Terven; Axel Riordan; Ruth Christmas; Lori Roland; Sandy Courson, Dawn Belmar, Ellen Bricker; Jimmy Roach; Beverly Hamblin and Family; Cameron Jones; Guy Campbell; Abby Miller; Patrick Moran; Jonathan Thompson; Kathie Foster; Jim Jordine; Pat Sowerby; Mary Iliff Engelbrecht; Jim Finch; Sheila Young

WISDOM: Colby & Lexi Riordan Family; Deb Bricker; Cameron Jones

LONG TERM CARE: Pastor Curt Rush

MILITARY: Blaise McNeese, Matthew Kelly, Michael Allen

PEACE & COMFORT: Pam Rush



is the tool we use for the congregation to sign up for opportunities to serve here at Downs UMC on Sunday mornings.

An invitation is sent through email. Should you not be able to access the Sign Up Genius, please let the office know what opportunity you would like

to sign up for and they will do that for you. Not sure what an opportunity involves? Contact the office.

What a blessing to be able to serve God by serving here at Downs UMC!



Baked Potato Bar and Dessert Silent Auction is next Sunday, December 14th after Worship. Proceeds go to the Timber-lee trip.



Readers are needed in December. See the December Sign up Genius to pick a date.



Next Gen is our student ministries. Wednesday evenings it is for Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Sr High meets on Sundays after the worship service.

Want to be a part of making disciples for Jesus? Be a part of the Wednesday night Next Gen Team. Contact Kyle to see where you can best serve.